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COMMENTS: U.S. Application No. 09/973,975

Per our telephone conversation this afternoon to follow is a copy of the Decision on Petition and a copy of the Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b) for the above-referenced patent application.

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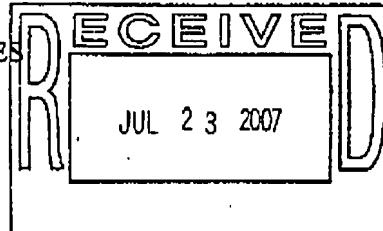
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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
CASEY
Application No.: 09/973,975
Filing Date: October 11, 2001
Attorney Docket No.: RWC 01065

DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(B)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed March 19, 2007, to revive the above-identified application:

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice of Allowability mailed September 7, 2006, which set a three month statutory period for response. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 8, 2006.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that an application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional, and (4) a terminal disclaimer if the application was filed before June 8, 1995.

The instant petition does not satisfy requirement (3) above. It is noted that only page 1 of the petition is present in the application file.

Applicant's request for a waiver of the petition fee is refused. The requirement for a reply to the Notice of Allowability has never been vacated in any official communication mailed by the Office.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)."

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Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to Bryan Lin at (571) 272-3303.

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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)	Docket Number (Optional) RWC 01065
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First named inventor: ROBERT W. CASEY

Application No.: 09/973,975

Art Unit: 2875

Filed: October 11, 2001

Examiner: Carlaso, Allen B.

Title: FIREPLACE LIGHTING SYSTEM

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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the office notice or action plus an extensions of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity-fee \$ 750.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of _____ (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ 1,000.00

- ☒ has been paid previously on 12-07-2006
- ☐ is enclosed herewith.

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☒ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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James O. Ray, Jr.
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July 24, 2007

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